



# Handshake Partnership Program



Philpott Lake – Twin Ridge Park Docks

## Partnerships

### **An Investment In Our Future!**

Over the past nine years, the Corps has made \$1.4 million in “seed money” available through the Handshake Program.



Old Hickory Lake – Project Biodiversity



W Kerr Scott Lake – Greenway Bridge



Raystown Lake – Wild Turkey Habitat

## A Tool For You!

Handshake funds are an incentive to use Corps partnership authorities to engage your local community in mutually beneficial activities.



San Francisco Bay Model-Jason Project



Lake Ouachita - Vista Trail



Enid Lake – Spy Glass Hill Multi-Use Trail

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Handshake funds combined with funding from local Corps projects and their partners' contributions benefit the community by improving our environment and providing additional recreation opportunities.



Greers Ferry Lake – Tournament Fishing Area



Cottage Grove – Amphitheater Upgrade

## **For More Information:**

**NRM Gateway Partnership Pages**

<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/partners/partners.cfm>

**Partnership Advisory Committee Members**

LRD – Chris Rapenchuk	SPD – Joel Miller
MVD – Jamie Gyolai	SAD – Chad Eller
SWD – Titus Hardiman	NAD – Allen Gwinn
NWD – Alana Mesenbrink	POD - Vacant



Blue Marsh Lake – Shoreline Erosion control

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Partnership Opportunities

As stewards of almost 12 million acres of public lands and waters, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers welcomes opportunities to work together with neighbors and local communities who share common goals and interests in conserving public resources. Funding and labor resource shortages are increasingly affecting all levels of government and society. Partnering will help us continue to accomplish our mission objectives in everything from wildlife protection and habitat improvement to recreational facility enhancements and customer service. Working together can help ensure these lands and waters continue to meet the needs of the public and the nation.

The Corps' Handshake Partnership Program is an example of one opportunity. The program provides a financial incentive to Corps facilities to engage with their local communities to complete worthwhile projects that benefit public lands. From 2004 to 2012 the Corps' Headquarters has provided over \$1.4 million in "seed money" to Corps facilities for 107 partnership projects to improve recreational opportunities and benefit environmental stewardship activities on Corps managed lands and waters. Partners have responded by generously donating more than \$5.4 million in volunteer hours, professional services, materials and supplies, equipment, and funds to these efforts. Including funds expended by the local Corps facilities the total value of these 107 projects is over \$8.3 million. Projects include trails, wildlife habitat restoration, wetland creation, interpretive panels, play grounds, boating access improvements for motor boaters and paddlers, camp ground improvements, native vegetation restoration, and environmental education facilities. Contact your local Corps facility about potential projects.

Corps facilities offer many volunteer opportunities. Volunteers can serve as park and campground hosts, staff visitor centers, conduct programs, clean shorelines, restore fish and wildlife habitat, maintain park trails and facilities, and more. For more information on volunteering please contact you local Corps facility or visit the Corps Volunteer Clearinghouse: <http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/volunteer>.



The Corps has formal partnership agreements with more than 40 national organizations, including American Chestnut Foundation, Boat US, CAST for Kids, Leave No Trace, International Mountain Biking Association, National Audubon Society, and more! These partners have been vital in helping the Corps of Engineers meet our natural resources and recreation management goals. Visit <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/cecwon/mou.cfm> to see the full list.

The Corps has also signed agreements with over 50 Cooperating Associations throughout the country. From local "Friends" groups to regional and national foundations, these non-profit, tax-exempt organizations work with the Corps to do things that would otherwise not be accomplished. Check out the Corps of Engineers Natural Resources Education Foundation at <https://www.corpsfoundation.org>

For more information on partnership opportunities, please visit the Corps Natural Resource Management Gateway Partnership page: <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/partners/partners.cfm>